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FM AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

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INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAPUTO 0561

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDEV, RH, UK

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: INFORMING FRONT LINE AND PF OF PRETORIA AND

SALISBURY TALKS

REF: (A) STATE 101529; (B) STATE 105935

1. UK AMBASSADOR LEWEN AND I MADE REFTEL PRESENTATION TO THE NEW FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY-GENERAL, VALERIANO FERRAO, THIS MORNING. AFRICAN AND AMERICAN/EUROPEAN DIRECTORS ALBERTO SITHOLE AND SHAFURDINE KAHN WERE PRESENT.

2. AS SEEMS TO BE THE PRACTICE WITH SECRETARIES-GENERAL, FERRAO LISTENED ATTENTIVELY, THANKED US FOR THE PRESENTATION, BUT COULD NOT BE DRAWN INTO DISCUSSION. THE ONLY COMMENT HE VENTURED WAS THAT THINGS WOULD BE A LOT EASIER IN ZIMBABWE IF IAN SMITH WERE TO LEAVE THE SCENE, WITH WHICH WE AGREED.

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3. HAVING WORKED MOST RECENTLY IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, FERRAO PROBABLY HAS SOME MINIMAL BACKGROUND ON ZIMBABWEAN AND NAMIBIAN AFFAIRS AND HE SEEMS TO BE A QUICK LEARNER. HOWEVER, WE DOUBT HE WILL PLAY ANY MORE IMPORTANT POLICY-MAKING ROLE ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN MATTERS THAN HIS PREDECESSORS. IN FACT, PROBABLY LESS, SINCE FERRAO RANKS FAR LOWER IN THE PARTY HIERARCHY THAN

HIS PREDECESSOR MANUEL DOS SANTOS, WHO IS NOW MINISTER OF INTERNAL  
COMMERCE.  
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